

Liberalism or Rebellion?

In this era, we get to see this concept getting propagated in the society called Liberalism. It is said: do not criticize anybody on their actions. Let them do whatever they want. Who are we to stop them in any way? This ideology has severed one of the most essential duties of the Muslims - calling towards righteousness and stopping from bad deeds. As a result, if you see someone committing a sin, be deaf, dumb, or blind, do not try to condemn it in any possible way. Our people have adopted this ideology by outsiders and forgot the basis of their own Deen. Our Deen has specifically emphasized on calling people towards righteousness and stopping from immoral acts. We see in the narrations that "preach as preaching benefits the Muslims." Along with this, we also see "Deen, in its entirety is preaching" This same concept has been repeated and highlighted by Allah in various places in the Quran.

Now the question is, when a Muslim forgets the teaching of Allah and Rasool ﷺ, and adopts the teachings of others, then how can one expect our nation not to go in decline? One can see for themselves, since we closed down every single route that could take us to betterment, who is it that can take us towards it? Nevertheless, the actual astonishment occurs when this Liberalism gets executed by one side only. When a pious Muslim person tries to call his brother towards righteousness or stop him from sins, he is called "extremely strict" and is told, "Deen should be easy". However, when these liberals see these preachers act on Islam with steadfastness, they make fun of them. Whether it's someone who prays Salah, or stays away from sins and profanity, they are called crazy by these liberals. This is astonishing, since their liberalism says not to criticize anybody for their actions. But what is this we see? The height of your double standards - if we do not like something of theirs, we are told to be stop and be quiet. But also when they don't like something of ours, we are still told to stop and be quiet. Any ideology that applies on us, should apply on them as well. If we are told to be patient, and not criticize others for their actions, then we should not be criticized for following the rulings of the Deen either. In any case, if we follow you logic of not criticizing other people, then we would not have any need of courts, or law enforcing agencies. When a criminal is not considered a criminal, then why should anyone get tried, since we have no right to stop or condemn anyone for their actions?

This is actually rebellion and not liberalism. Consider this - a person from a

developing country goes and visits a developed country and criticizes the laws over there for being too strict. Moreover, he also claims that these laws are put in place just to frustrate the civilians. Such a person will be considered a fool, and it will be said to him that these laws that look strict apparently are not there to annoy the people, rather are there for their safety and well-being. If a person gets fined for running over a red light, the purpose is not to hurt him. Rather, the purpose is to demotivate this type of careless behavior, so that other people get saved from harm. This was the example of someone going to visit another country, but think about someone who criticizes his own government for frustrating the public by creating strict laws. For example, if someone starts criticizing the fine for running over a red light and says this is imposed just to frustrate us and make money, then there is no questioning of this person's rebellious nature.

The people who make fun of Islamic rulings and consider them frustrating should fear Allah. Our religion is easy, but it is just the people who have wickedness in their hearts that needs purifying. Once the heart is purified, everything will be solved. If someone calls the other towards righteousness, then he should be welcomed without receiving any anger. All of us should be calm and keep in mind that this person is not making up rulings. He is conveying the message of Allah and his Messenger ﷺ to us. Also, the preachers should also implement softness in their acts. If they see someone committing a mistake, then they should hate the mistake, not the wrongdoer. If every one of us implements softness and feelings for others in our hearts, then our nation will surely move towards success.

Lastly, I would like to mention a beautiful example, which will serve as a conclusion to this entire excerpt. It is heard several times from Ameer e Ahl e Sunnat, Maulana Ilyas Attar Qadri that when a person gets sick, he goes to the doctor and is prescribed injections along with unpleasant medicines. After receiving so much pain, the patient is still seen respecting the doctor and thanking him. Just like one accepts receiving painful injections and unpleasant medicines just to be cured, similarly one should also accept our preaching. Since, our goal is not to cause pain, but it is to destroy the disease of sins. May Allah protect our Iman from being destroyed, and may he give us the ability to carry out good deeds. آمين بجاه النبي الامين ﷺ.